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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Ruseler-van Embden et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/727,345

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**For:** METHODS AND MEANS FOR  
PREVENTING OR TREATING  
INFLAMMATION OR PRURITUS

**Confirmation No.:** 5255

**Examiner:** V. Afremova

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.